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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SONGER RECIPIENT OF MCKINNEY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON -- Sue Ellen Songer, of Charleston is the recipient of the Isabel McKinney Graduate Scholarship given by Eastern Illinois University's English department.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement in the English department.

A 1972 graduate of Newton Community High School, Songer recently graduated magna cum laude from Eastern with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She was a member of Eastern's Departmental Honors Program.

Songer, who minored in creative writing was recently invited to read her original poetry at the Sigma Tau Delta National Convention in St. Louis, MO. The English honor society selected her work from submissions nationwide.

Songer and her husband, Roger, have three children, Rachel, Leah and Rebekah.